

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Intent To Prepare a Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) for the Continued Withdrawal of Lands at Bravo 20 Bombing Range (B-20), Fallon, Nevada as Identified in the Military Land Withdrawal Act of 1986**

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy announces its intent to prepare a Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508). The LEIS will analyze the proposed continued withdrawal of lands supporting B-20 at Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, Nevada. Section 5 of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-606) directs the Navy to prepare an LEIS to evaluate the environmental effects of continued naval operations on the checkerboard pattern of withdrawn public lands that make up the B-20 training range. The LEIS will evaluate the cumulative effects of all NAS Fallon land withdrawals and serve as a Navy recommendation to Congress for consideration in determining the continued withdrawal of B-20 lands. In order to maintain the military mission, the Navy is proposing the continued use of the B-20 as defined by the Military Lands Withdrawal Act, Section 1(a). The actions considered in the LEIS would not result in the withdrawal of additional lands. The LEIS will analyze the potential environmental effects of the proposed action, public scoping alternatives, if applicable, and a "no action" alternative. Under the "no action" alternative, withdrawn lands listed in Section 1(a) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act would not be renewed for continued military purposes.

ADDRESSES: The Navy is initiating a public scoping process for the purpose of determining public concerns and issues to be analyzed and addressed for this action. The Navy will hold public scoping meetings on December 9, 1997, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, Nevada; on December 10, 1997, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at Pershing County District Office, 1150 Elmhurst Avenue, Lovelock, Nevada; and on December 11, 1997, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at Reno Sparks Convention Center, 4590 S. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada. A Navy public

open house will occur at each site from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. prior to each scoping meeting.

A brief presentation will precede a request for public information and comments. Navy representatives will be available at these meetings to receive information and comments from agencies and the public regarding issues of concern. It is important that federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals take this opportunity to provide information or identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during the analysis and preparation of the LEIS. In the interest of the available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes. Comment forms will also be available to submit written comments at these meetings.

Agencies and the public are also invited and encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public scoping meetings. To be most helpful, scoping comments should clearly describe specific information, data, issues or topics which the commenter believes the LEIS should address. Written comments or questions regarding the scoping process and/or LEIS should be postmarked no later than Friday, February 13, 1998 and sent to the following address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Written statements and or questions regarding the scoping process should be mailed to: Commanding Officer, Engineering Field Activity West, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 900 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066-5006 (Attn: Mr. Sam Dennis, Code 7031), telephone (650) 244-3007, fax (650) 244-3206, e-mail at: slldennis@efawest.nav-fac.navy.mil.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License; Edge Technologies, Inc.**

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Edge Technologies, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States to practice the Government-owned inventions described in: U.S. Patent Number 4,906,879 entitled *Terbium-Dysprosium*

Magnetostrictive High Power Transducers

Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any. Written objections are to be filed with the Carderock Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Code 004, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, Maryland 20817-5700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dick Bloomquist, Director, Technology Transfer, Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division, Code 0117, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, Maryland 20817-5700, telephone (301) 227-4299.

Dated: November 4, 1997.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**Notice of Commission Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a regular business meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 1997. The meeting is open to the public and scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Goddard Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

The subjects of the meeting will be as follows:

A. Minutes of the October 22, 1997 business meeting.

B. Announcements.

C. Report on Hydrologic Conditions in the Delaware River Basin. The report will include an update on the Basin's current drought warning status.

D. General Counsel's Report.

E. Jefferson Township Sewer Authority Docket No. D-97-6 CP. The Commission conducted public hearings on this project application on June 25 and July 28, 1997.

F. A Resolution to Adopt the Commission's Annual Budgets for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1999 and to Apportion Among the Signatory Parties the Amounts Required for the Support of the Current Expense and Capital Budgets. A public hearing on this budget was held on October 22, 1997.

G. A Resolution to Amend the Administrative Manual—Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendments to its